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STATE OF HAWAII REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Department of Accounting and General Services, Public Works Division
(Department/Division/Agency)

Pursuant to §103D-306, HRS, and Subchapter 9, Chapter 3-122, HAR, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

Description of goods, services, or construction:

Pursuant to Section 103D-306, HRS and Chapter 3-122-81 through-87, HAR, the school/office listed requests sole source approval to purchase the following (describe goods, services or construction):

Hardware, software, training and technical assistance for use post-installation of a Silent Messenger visible alert system to provide emergency alert for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing

Name of Vendor: Message Net Systems, Inc.
Address: 101 East Carmel Drive, Suite 105
Carmel, IN 46032
317-566-1677 Indianapolis, IN

Cost: \$308,000.00

Term of Contract:

From:

N/A

To:

N/A

Prior Sole Source Reference No.:

N/A

The goods, services, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities:

The Silent Messenger hardware (message boards) and software to control the messages sent are used to alert people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing to emergency situations, but allow flexibility to serve as a general public address system. The system would allow the emergency alert capability that is lacking for deaf students and staff at the Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind currently, other than fire alerting (a dedicated system that cannot be altered for multiple uses by code). The message boards, installed at various locations on campus, would allow written information to be broadcast to students and staff in lieu of an audible public address system that would be ineffective with deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals and would promote the health and safety of all on campus. Additionally, the system would allow emergency alerts to be sent to staff pagers if off campus with students.

REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE (Cont.)

How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work:

Deaf students and staff cannot hear traditional audible public address systems and need visible alerts to ensure their safety. Currently no schoolwide system is in place to meet that need except for fire alerts, a system that cannot be altered by code. So, no visible alert is in place for lockdowns, etc., which compromises staff and student safety. This system, the only one of its kind for such a purpose, would ensure the alert capability HCDB's students and staff need.

The following other possible sources for the goods, services, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because:

Systems such as those used in large facilities, e.g., airports, were investigated. They are too comprehensive in scope, which is unnecessary, or "overkill" for the stated purposes on campus.

Direct questions to: Eric Nishimoto

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I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.

Russ K. Sato

11/20/03

Department Head or Designee

Date

State Comptroller

Title (If other than Department Head)

Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements.

Expenditure may be processed through a purchase order: Yes ☐ No ☒. If no, a contract must be executed and funds certified.

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

Adam S. Fisher
Chief Procurement Officer

11/19/03
Date